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SUBJ: DELEGATION OF POLISH EPISCOPATE TO VISIT FRG

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1. SLOWO POWSZECHNE, A WARSAW DAILY NEWS
PAPER PUBLISHED
BY THE GOP-APPROVED CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION PAX, RE-
PORTED AUGUST 15 THAT A DELEGATION OF THE POLISH
EPISCOPATE WILL VISIT THE FRG STARTING SEPTEMBER 20
AT THE INVITATION OF CARDINAL HOFFNER, ARCHBISHOP
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OF COLOGNE. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, STEFAN CARDINAL
WYSZYNSKI, KAROL CARDINAL WOJTYLA, JERZY STROBA,
BISHOP OF THE SZCZECIN-KAMIENIEC DIOCESE, AND BISHOP
WLADYSLAW RUBIN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE VATICAN
SYNOD OF BISHOPS, WILL MAKE UP THE DELEGATION. "THE
DELEGATION...," THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, "WILL TAKE PART
IN THE FALL PLENARY SESSION OF THE GERMAN CONFERENCE

OF BISHOPS AND VISIT MAINZ, MUNICH, COLOGNE, AND THE
FORMER HITLER CONCENTRATION CAMP IN DACHAU."

2. COMMENT: THE SLOWO POWSZECHNE ARTICLE CONFIRMS EARLIER REPORTS FROM THE FRG EMBASSY (REFTELS) THAT CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI WAS PLANNING A VISIT TO THE FRG THIS FALL. HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF THIS ARTICLE IT APPEARS, CONTRARY TO THE WEST GERMANS' INFORMATION AS CONVEYED IN THE REFTELS, THAT WYSZYNSKI WILL HAVE HIGH-LEVEL CLERICAL ACCOMPANIMENT ON HIS TRIP. WOJTYLA'S PARTICIPATION SEEMS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY IN THAT IT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY RAISE THE VISIBILITY, AND INVESTMENT OF PRESTIGE, OF THE POLISH DELEGATION. STROBA, TOO, IS AN IMPORTANT

ADDITION, BOTH IN VIEW OF THE DIOCESE HE HEADS AND THE FACT THAT HE (LIKE WOJTYLA) IS ONE OF THE POLISH CHURCH LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO WYSZYNSKI AS PRIMATE OF POLAND.
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